(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that there is unrest among Government employees in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) The conditions of service and facilities of Government servants and employees of the organized enterprises of private sectors are not comparable.

(b) to (d) Do not arise, in view of the above.

Norms for improvement of rural sector

†*160. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated norms for improvement of rural sector;

(b) if so, whether Government have decided to give share of Rural Improvement Incentive Fund (Grameen Sudhar Protsahan Nidhi) to various States; and

(c) if so, the details of provision given to the States so far?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) The Ministry of Rural Development has major rural development schemes *viz.*, the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), the Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP), the Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) and the Watershed Development Programmes for improvement of the rural areas. These Schemes focus on poverty alleviation, employment generation, area development and improvement of the quality of life of the rural poor.

(b) No such fund is being given by this Ministry.

(c) Question does not arise.

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